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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Submission to the National Capital Planning Commission

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.
2. We are now ready to go back to the National Capital Planning Commission for approval of the final plans for the motor pool garage which is to be built at the Headquarters Building. When the Commission approved our preliminary plans at its August 1971 meeting it also stated as a requirement that the Agency should submit with the final garage plans a preliminary master plan and draft environment description for the Langley site. Such a plan has been prepared even though we recognize, have told the Commission staff and will tell the Commission that there is no thought of implementing it in the foreseeable future.
3. NCPC timing requires that the master plan be submitted at least six weeks prior to the date of the hearing at which it is to be considered - in this case we are shooting for the 6 and 7 December sessions. This means that we must send that plan covered by the attached letter to NCPC not later than 11 October. The final motor pool garage papers will be sent separately to NCPC about 1 November. Assuming approval by the Commission, invitations to bid should be issued about 12 December with the opening of bids taking place one month later. The garage is expected to cost approximately \$1 million. Funds in this amount were transferred to GSA in November 1971.
4. The publicity potential of this action is recognized but it is hoped that the actual publicity will be very limited. As you see from the attached letter, we are asking again that the Commission deal with the

garage and the preliminary master plan in executive session. We have discussed Agency concerns with the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Charles Conrad, and other staff members and have been assured of their understanding and assistance in this matter. Mr. Conrad is researching requirements for local government clearances with a view to helping us to minimize exposure. Further we intend to update Mr. Rufus Phillips, the Fairfax County Supervisor responsible for this area. Finally we will work up with Mr. Thuermer a publicity "annex" prior to the Commission hearing.

5. The National Capital Planning Commission was created by an act of Congress in 1924. While it does not have final directive authority it is a very influential body. The Commission consists of five members appointed by the President and seven ex-officio members. The current incumbents are:

Presidential Appointees:

Chairman - The Honorable Ben Reifel (Former Congressman from South Dakota)
1st Vice Chairman - The Honorable Paul Thiry
2nd Vice Chairman - The Honorable Charles C. Johnson, Jr.
Member - The Honorable Edmund W. Dreyfuss
Member - The Honorable Mrs. Scott Heuer, Jr.

Ex-officio Members:

The Honorable Thomas F. Eagleton, Senator from Missouri
The Honorable John L. McMillan, Representative from South Carolina
The Honorable Walter E. Washington
Lt. Gen. Frederick J. Clarke, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers
The Honorable George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director, National Park Service
Mr. Arthur F. Sampson, Acting Administrator, GSA
Mr. R. R. Bartelsmeyer, Acting Director, Federal Highway Administration

6. As you know, we believe that we should work with and through NCPC on these matters. We also believe that the existence of a master plan, even though we do not have any idea of acting, is some counterweight to additional land surplus action by GSA and/or the President's Property Review Board. We attach for your information the General Counsel's most recent paper on the Agency and NCPC.

7. It is requested that you approve our proceeding as outlined above including the submission of the attached letter to the Commission.

(signed) John W. Coffey
John W. Coffey
Deputy Director
for Support

Atts

The recommendation contained in paragraph 7 is approved.

SIGNED

29 SEP 1972

W. E. Colby

Date

Executive Director-Comptroller

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